

Patent
38531.00043.RCE.**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 9 with the following paragraph:

The rheology of water-in-oil (w/o) emulsions, and specifically the effects of volume fraction and size on viscosity, have been well studied in literature. Multiple emulsion processes are currently used in the pharmaceutical industry to obtain sustained-release drug products. These processes in general begin with the formation of [[a]] an emulsion with a high volume fraction of dispersed phase (0.6 – 0.85). High-shear mixing is generally used to obtain a emulsion of high viscosity (from 5-100 times that of the continuous phase) that is stable enough to be further processed.